

## Message Text

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LIMDIS - FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: THEBAINE AVAILABILITY FOR POTENTIAL IMPORT  
INTO THE UNITED STATES

REF: STATE 066063

1. THEBAINE PRODUCTION IN ITALY IN 1976 WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
CARLO ERBA CO., VIA IMBONATI 24, MILAN - KG. 33; DALARS  
CO., VAI S. FRANCESCO 5, CAMERLATA (COMO) - KG. 168;  
SIRCAI CO., VIA FOLLI 46, MILAN - KG. 65; SIFAC CO., VIA  
ROBBIO 29, CONFENZA (PAVIA) - KG. 60. IN ADDITION,  
SALARS CO. IMPORTED KG. 100 THEBAINE FOR PROCESSING INTO  
CODEINE.

2. ACCORDING ITLAIN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, ABOVE FOUR  
COMPANIES IMPORT A TOTAL OF 40 TONS OF INDIAN OPIUM AND  
ARE ONLY MANUFACTURERS LICENSED PRODUCE OPIUM DERIVATIVES.  
THERE IS NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO EXPORT OF THEBAINE TO THE  
U.S. SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF CONVENTION. ONE OR  
MORE OF ITALIAN COMPANIES INVOLVED IN TRADE (LISTED  
PARA.1) ALREADY HAVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRENCH AND  
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POSSIBLY GERMAN MANUFACTURERS. ACCORDING MINISTRY  
SOURCE, ANY SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH AMERICAN FIRMS  
WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON COMMERCIAL BASIS DEPENDENT ON  
AVAILABILITIES, ETC. ITALY APPEARS THEREFORE TO BE A  
POTENTIAL SOURCE OF SAMLL AMOUNTS THEBAINE.

3. MINISTRY OFFICIAL ASSURED EMBOFF THAT GOI DOES NOT

PERMIT DOMESTIC CULTIVIATION BRACTEATUM PAPAVER AND WILL NOT.  
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